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(c) whether the Government are aware that the places mentioned are big taluk trading centres and that their trade suffers much for want of telegraphic communication; and

(d) whether the Government cannot take early action for opening the telegraphic communication to the two places.

A—(a) & (b) No mahazars have been received by the Government. They understand however that mahazars have been received by the Postmaster-General and the matter is under correspondence with the Director of Telegraph Engineering, Southern Circle, Madras.

(c) The Government are making the necessary inquiries.

(d) They will take action as soon as the proposals have been received from the Postmaster-General.

*Listed posts open to Provincial Civil Executive Officers.*

403 Q.—Rao Sahib P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU :—To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(a) to state how many appointments of Collectors and District Magistrates have been listed as open for members of Provincial Civil Executive Service on the recommendations of the Public Service Commission;

(b) to furnish a list of Brahman, non-Brahman, Muhammadan and Indian Christian incumbents of these posts (permanent and acting) that have been directly recruited during the last ten years;

(c) to state the principles on which the officers of the Provincial Service have been selected for these posts; and

(d) if it is a fact that senior grade non-Brahman deputy collectors have been superseded for the selection and junior Brahman deputy collectors appointed.

A.—(a) No posts of Collectors and District Magistrates have been listed for members of the Provincial Civil Executive Service on the recommendation of the Public Service Commission. The Commission's recommendation was for a reduction of such posts (paragraph 22 of annexure X to the report).

(b) The question is not understood. There is no direct recruitment of Collectors from any community.

(c) Promotions to district posts are made on the basis of proved merit and ability.

(d) The officers selected have passed over both Brahmans, non-Brahmans and Europeans.

Rao Sahib P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU :—“ Will the Government be pleased to recruit some non-Brahman deputy collectors ?

(In the absence of the Hon'ble the Home Member) The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB BAHADUR :—“ I do not think, Sir, that the Honourable Member is right in his presumption that non-Brahman deputy collectors have not been recruited.”

*Purchase by Government of 'Central Hotel' at Ootacamund.*

404 Q.—Mr. R. K. SHANMUKHAM CHETTIYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Public Works—

(a) to state the price paid for the purchase of the 'Central Hotel' at Ooty;